(c) the reasons for making payment at the enhanced rate?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) The agreement provides forrate of escalation of 0.1 per cent which has not been raised.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Disconnection of First Class bogey from 'Puri Express' and 'Neelanchal Express' trains

1830. SHRI PRAVAT KUMAR SAMANTARAY:
SHRI SARADA MOHANTY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that one first class bogey has been disconnected from Puri Express and Neelanchal Express Trains linking Puri and New Delhi causing serious inconvenience to passengers; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons thereof and by when the former position of these trains are porposed to be restored?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b) One First class coach was replaced by a II Class coach from November '88 to provide more accommodation to second class passengers. One A.C. 2 tier and one First class coach, presently running on the train provide the required accommodation.

Export of Button Mushrooms.

1831. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state whether Government are aware of the fact that the demand for button mushrooms in North America from ethnic Chinese population and others is being unsatiated due to supply constraints from Taiwan and that the cooperatives in North America are looking towardfis India after the recent success of ambitious programme to beest mushroom cultivation in Himachal Pradesh which accounts for one third of total country's output while the only constraint in exports of button mushrooms has been the disparity between domestic and export prices the former being higher due to increasing domestic demand?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN) : There is demand for Mushrooms from North America. Details of export potential due to supply constraints of button mushrooms from Taiwan to North America are not available. Approximately 5000 tonnes of mushrooms of all varieties are produced annually in the country. The total production of mushroom in Himachal Pradesh is approximately 450—550 metric tonne of which 350—500 metric tonne is button mushroom. The domestic price of button mushroom in Himarchal Pradesh is between Rs. 25 to Rs. 34/- per kg. The main constraints in developing the export market of button mushroom are as follows:—

(1) Lack of proper marketing infrastructure especially for highly perishable button mushrooms.

(2) Lack of adequate market information and coordination between exporters and growers with reference to quality and quantity of product required.

(3) High cost of production.

Encroachment on Public Land in Delhi

1832. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:
SHRI SOM PAL:
SHRIMATI MIRA DAS:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that increasing encroachment of public purpose lands or Government lands is going on in Delhi and its surrounding areas;